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jury is that the ability and impartiality of the judges are now generally recognized, while the imperfections of County Court juries become increasingly obvious. There are, however, a considerable number of actions in which the services of a jury are desirable, and there can be little doubt, that, if the character of County Court juries were improved, a larger number of suitors would be willing to avail themselves of their services more frequently.

Petitions for Rehearing.—In the following cases, petitions for rehearings are pending: *Chesapeake & O. R. Co. v. Shipp* (Va.) Nov. 17, 1910; *Clinchfield Coal Co. v. Viers* (Va.) 68 S. E. 976; *Clinchfield Coal Co. v. Wheeler* (Va.) 68 S. E. 1001; *Handley Board of Trustees v. Winchester Memorial Hospital* (Va.) Nov. 17, 1910; *Pollard v. American Stone Co.* (Va.) 68 S. E. 266; *Vicars v. Salyer* (Va.) 68 S. E. 988.

In the following cases, petitions for rehearing have been granted: *Atkins, Adm'r, v. Solenberger* (Va.). Opinion filed Nov. 17, 1910. Granted. *Beury v. Davis* (Va.). Opinion filed Mar. 10, 1910. Granted June 9, 1910. *Hecksher v. Blanton* (Va.). Opinion filed Mar. 12, 1910. Granted June 9, 1910. *Yost v. Critcher* (Va.). Opinion filed Nov. 17, 1910. Granted.

IN VACATION.

Pie-Eaters Haled to Court.—A Washington, D. C., news-item says: A pie-eating contest is a theatrical performance. Also, it is labor to eat pie, regardless of the kind or quality. This appears to be the substance of a decision of the Juvenile Court of the District of Columbia. The manager of a five-cent theatre was prosecuted in that court for inducing four negro boys under the age of 14 years to engage in a pie-eating contest on the stage of his theatre for a prize of 25 cents to the boy who finished first. The Court held that this was a violation of the Child Labor law, which requires a permit for the participation of children in a theatrical performance. The manager paid \$5 fine. He also paid for the pies.

Effect of False Swearing.—A witness in a criminal prosecution in Texas said, during his examination to test his understanding of the nature of an oath and the result of giving false testimony, that if he told one story he would go to the Legislature, and that if he told two he would go to Congress. This may cast an illuminating beam on the question why those bodies furnish so many successful candidates for membership in the Ananias Club. The Court of Criminal Appeals held that the witness was incompetent, without, however, deciding whether he erred in his conclusion, or whether such familiarity with political ideals disqualified him for the lesser and more inconspicuous role of a witness.—West Publishing Co.'s Docket.